

UDOT Environmental Experience Capture & Transfer

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Introduction

The purpose of this newsletter is to capture the lessons learned from specific projects and transfer that knowledge to the teams leading present and future projects.

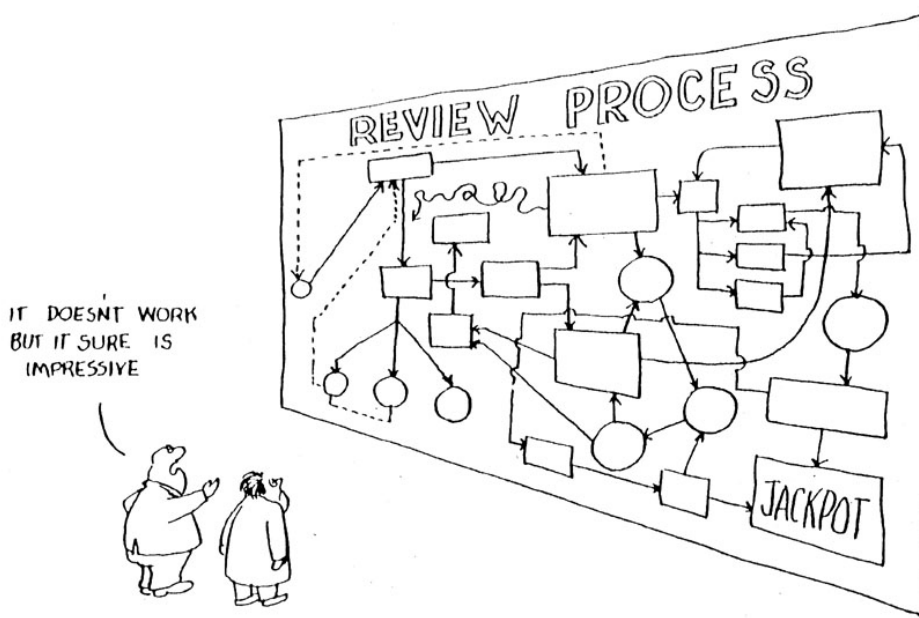
This newsletter will be published on a monthly basis, will be e-mailed to all those who express interest, and will also be available for download via the UDOT web site. Information will be presented by UDOT Environmental Services and include comments received by local, resource center, and legal staff of FHWA. Every attempt will be made to ensure that the comments are placed in the appropriate context. If anything you read is unclear, please contact Reed Soper at 965-4159 or rsoper@utah.gov.

Environmental Forms Update

In our seldom-ending quest to serve you better, our office has updated several of the forms to a more user-friendly format. The updated Environmental Study (Categorical Exclusion) Form and Air Quality Supplement are available for download here: http://www.dot.utah.gov/download.php/tid=288/Categorical_Exclusion_Form.doc and here: http://www.dot.utah.gov/download.php/tid=288/AQ_Supplement_Form.doc. These forms are an intermediate step towards an eventual smart form. In addition, all three Programmatic Section 4(f) forms are available here:

[http://www.dot.utah.gov/download.php/tid=288/UserFriendlyProgrammatic4\(f\)Forms.exe](http://www.dot.utah.gov/download.php/tid=288/UserFriendlyProgrammatic4(f)Forms.exe).

For the time being, you may continue to use the previous forms. I would encourage all to download and try the new forms. Please let me know how the forms are working, if you are experiencing difficulties, and any suggestions via e-mail at: rsoper@utah.gov.



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Wildlife Connectivity

On May 11 and 12, 2004, UDOT sponsored a Wildlife Connectivity Mapping Workshop. The primary intent was to gather general information about where vehicle and wildlife conflicts exist. Several staff members from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources attended the workshop along with UDOT planning and environmental staffs, and provided valuable information for this effort. In addition, personnel from U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with representatives from various conservation groups helped in this effort. The data that was gathered is being compiled in GIS format and will be made available to UDOT planners, Regional staff members, etc., as well as to other governmental agencies and conservation groups. This data will be used to help determine potential impacts to roadway improvements and to plan future safety improvements. Over the next weeks and months, more specific information will be collected that will refine our understanding of wildlife impacts on Utah's roadways. Look for a more detailed discussion in the future.

Upcoming Events

Training:	Community Impact Assessment (UDOT & FHWA staff only) on June 16 & 17, 2004
Conferences:	AASHTO SCOD/SCOE Annual Meeting, June 9-11, 2004 at Snowbird